



LADDER

AFL PLAYERS TACKLING
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

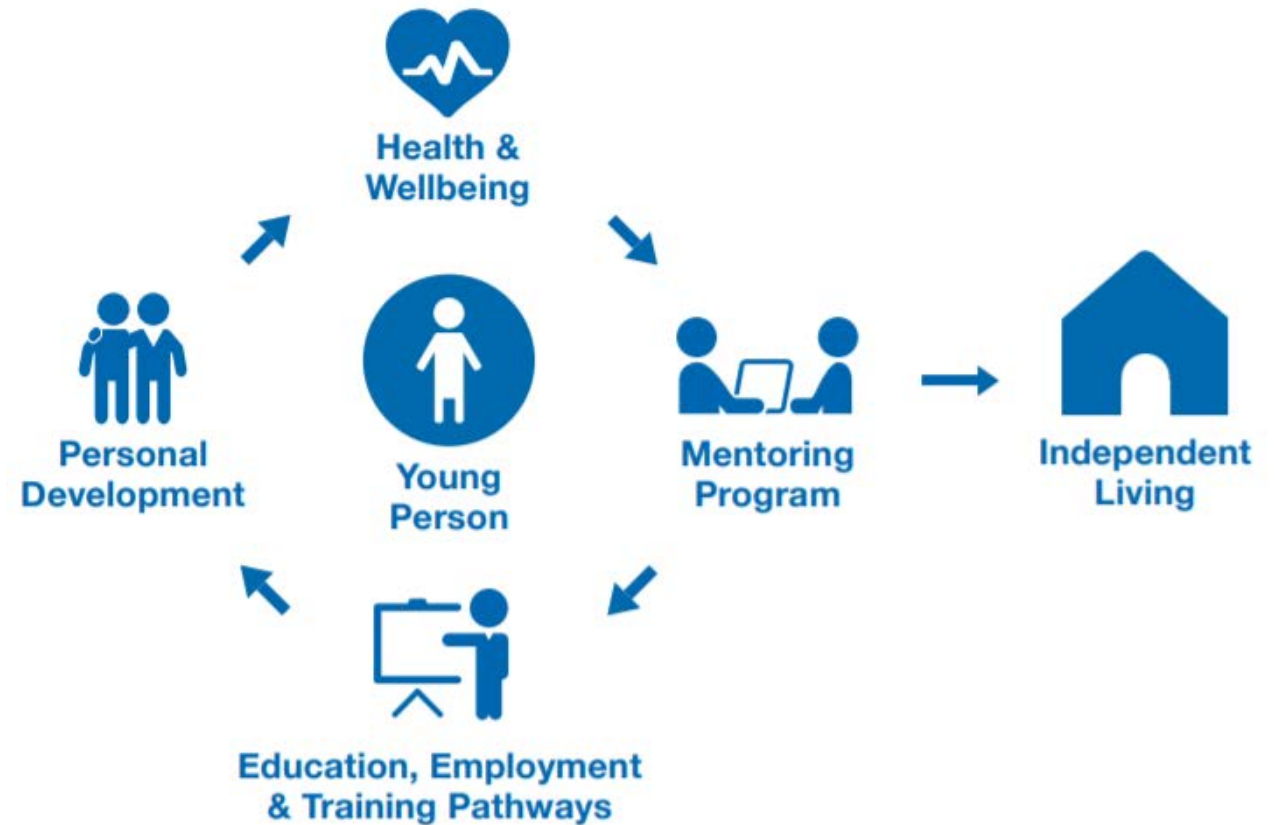
What does Ladder do?

- ✓ Ladder was established in 2007 by AFL players who wanted to do more about the issue of youth homelessness in Australia.
- ✓ Ladder is the Official Charity of the AFL Players' Association and the official charity of the AFL.
- ✓ Ladder supports young people aged 16-25 who are at risk or experiencing homelessness. Ladder provides programs and opportunities to young people to help them transition into independent living.
- ✓ We operate and deliver services into multiple Foyers across Australia, as well as early intervention programs
- ✓ Ladder believes a young person's early life experience does not define their future. Every young person should be given an opportunity to reach their true potential.



Ladder Programs

- ✓ **Health and Wellbeing:** Ladder supports young people to improve their physical and mental health.
- ✓ **Personal Skill Development:** Ladder delivers programs to help young people improve fundamental life skills such as healthy eating, budgeting & connecting with the community.
- ✓ **Education and Employment Opportunities:** Ladder supports young people to get job ready and provides education, employment and training opportunities through valuable partnerships.
- ✓ **Mentoring:** AFL players, business and community leaders are supported by Ladder to develop a positive and meaningful relationship with a young person.

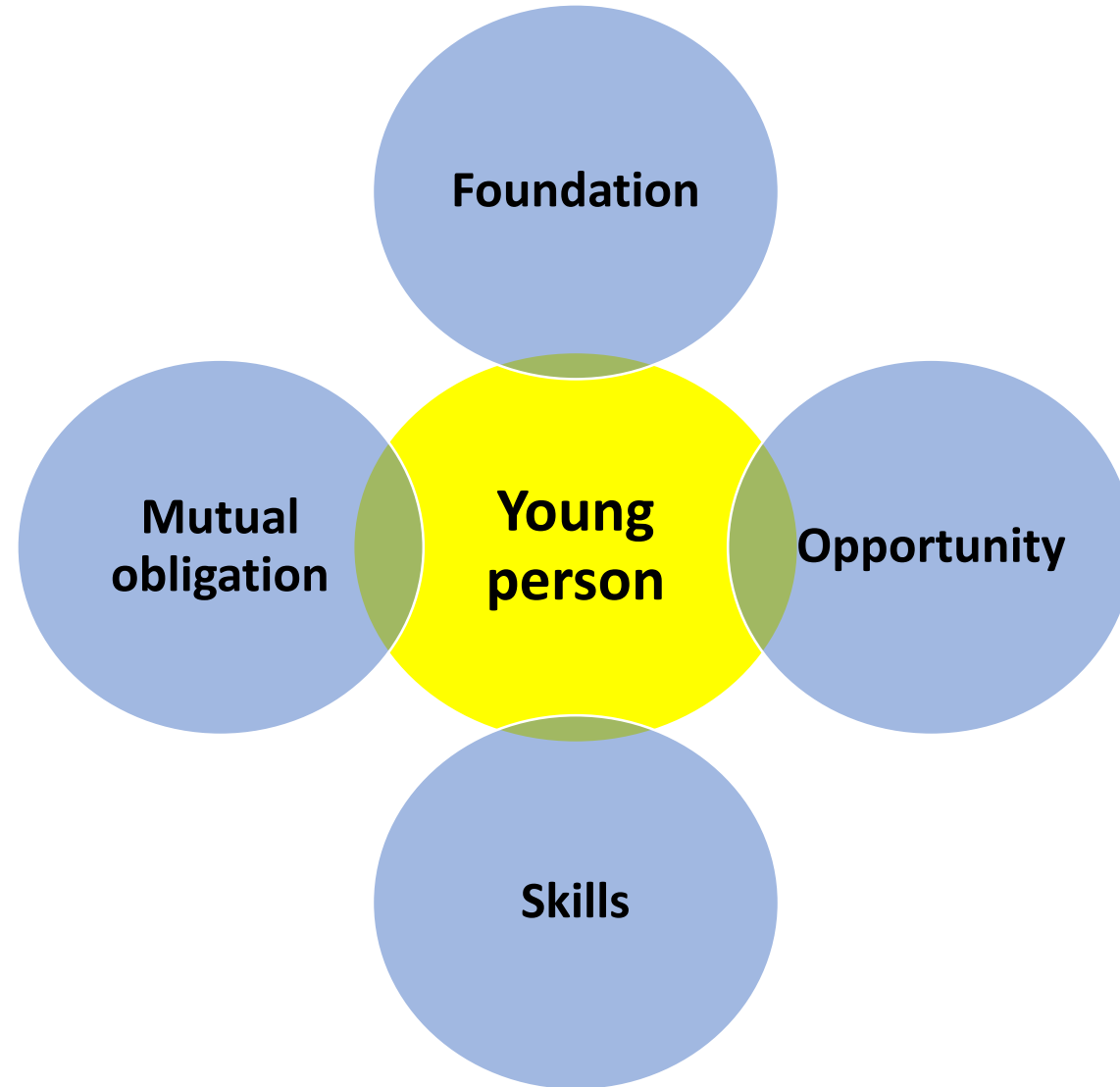


Ladder Mentoring

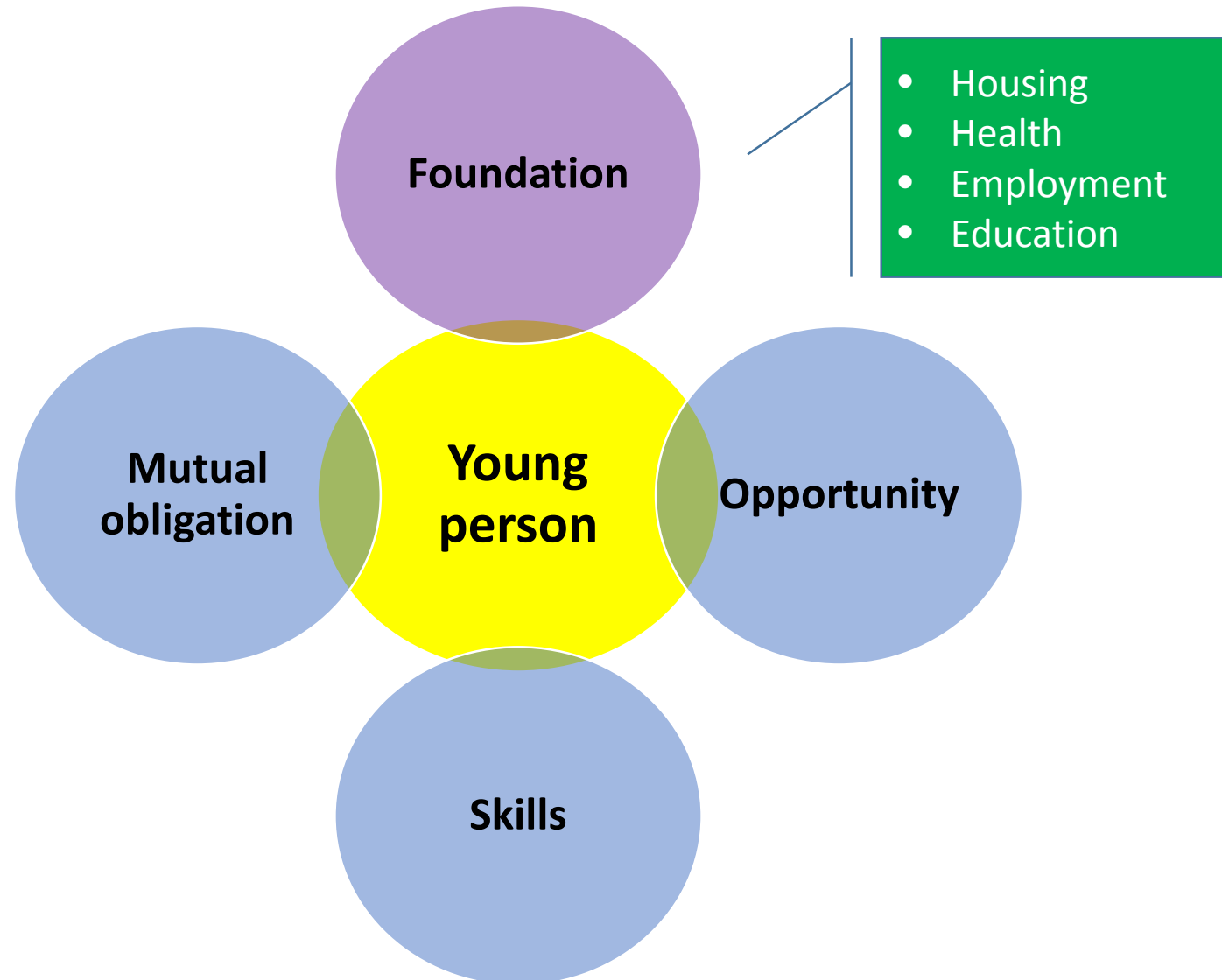


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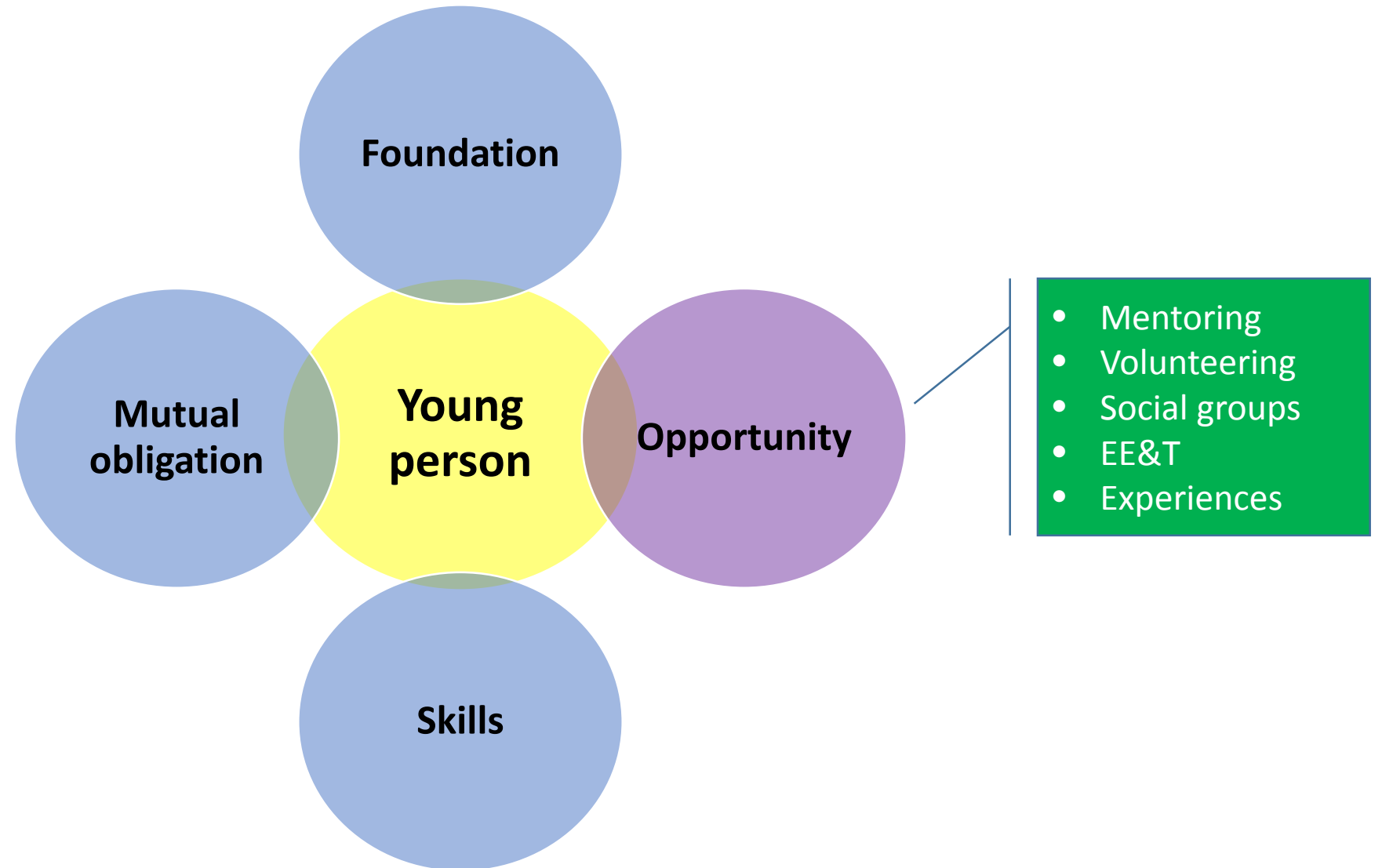
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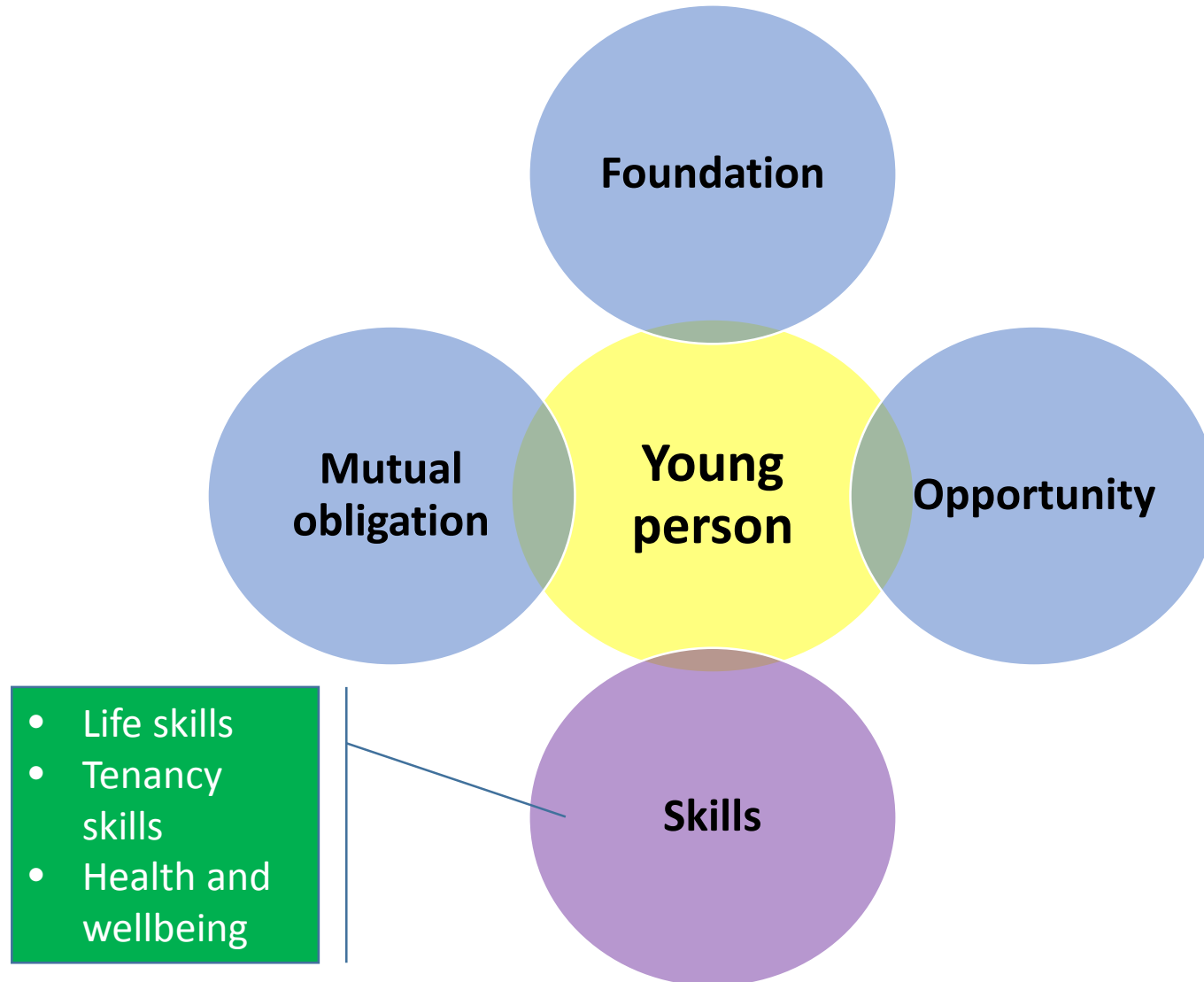
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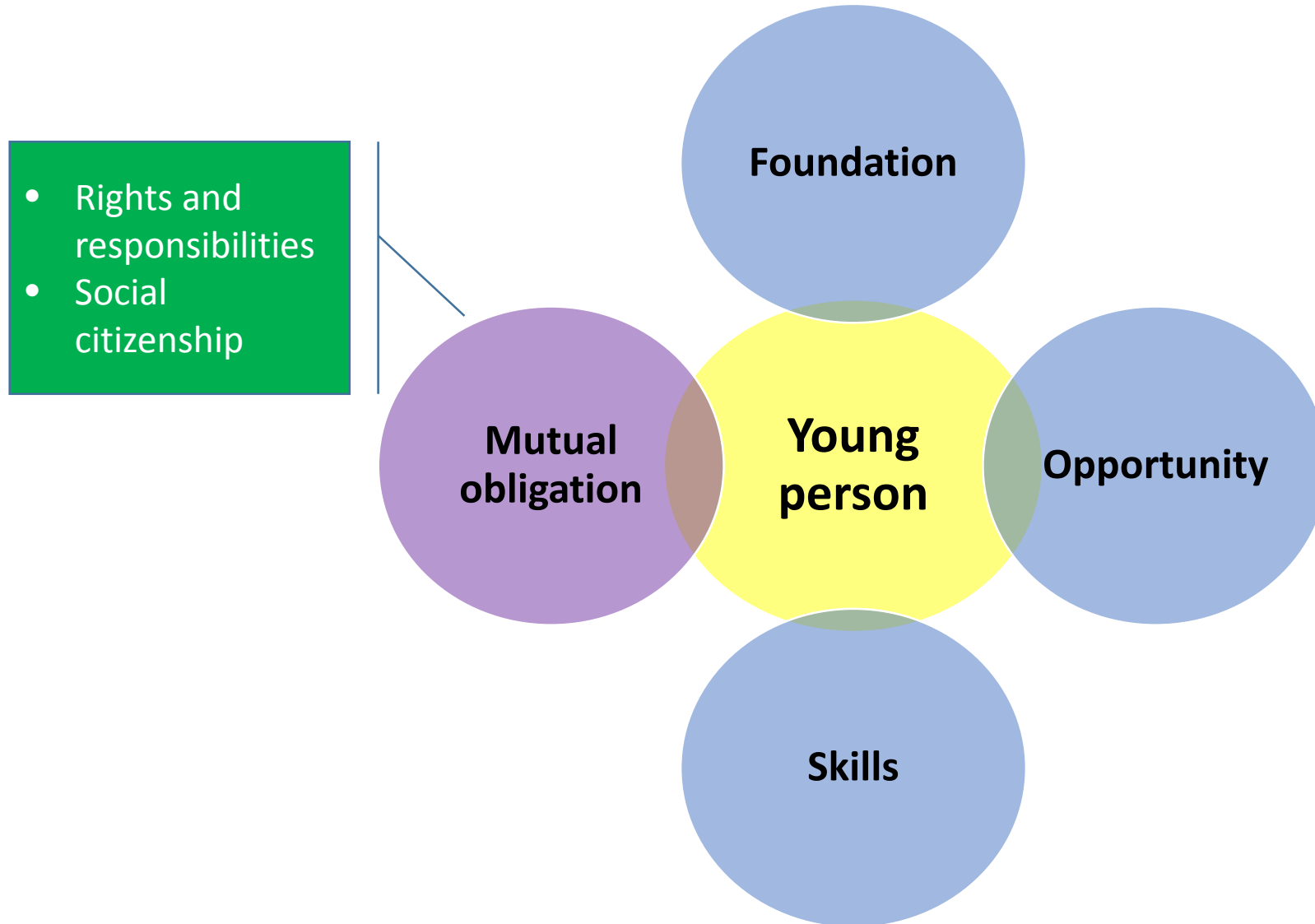
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Opportunity

- Opportunities are about the experiences we can provide for young people and the doors we can open
- These are fundamentally relationships-based, either with individuals, groups or communities
- Contributes to a person's sense of belonging
- Progresses a young person to becoming a fully functioning member of the community



Opportunity

- Opportunity at Ladder is the social connections created for, by and with young people
- These are the bridges and bonds that enable progression
- These connect a young person to a broader community
- Help develop skills, assets and capabilities of a young person
- Build self esteem and resilience



Opportunity

Bridges are the connectors between a young person and the community

Bridges



Bonds are experiences and relationships formed by a young person in the community

Bonds

Community

Community of interest; Community of location; Online community

Opportunity

Bridges

- Ladder Game Plan
- Work tasters
- Volunteering
- Education pathways
- Unique experiences
- Mentoring
- Link to services



Opportunity



Bonds

- Ongoing employment
- Enrolment
- Family re-engagement
- Social and community groups
- Foyer reference group
- Mentoring
- Alumni

Ladder and the AFL



Ladder is committed to working with the AFL to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes and ultimately to improve the lives of young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness

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Jordan Roughead
Western Bulldogs
Ladder Champion

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- Mentors
- Advocates
- Health and wellbeing
- Match day experiences
- Volunteering
- Skill development
- Community connection
- Unique opportunities
- Staff



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